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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FILED: JANUARY 26, 2007 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793  
FOR: WEAR RESISTANT MEMBER :  
COMPRISED OF SILICON NITRIDE AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.